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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/134,854	Applicant(s) Miller et al.
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Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-78 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims 1-78 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-8, 13, 14, 15-23, 40, 47-55, 61, 65-73, drawn to a workpiece guide or a saw with the workpiece guide wherein the workpiece guide has a specific infeed extension, classified in class 83, subclass 477.2.
 - II. Claims 1, 9-12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24-28, 40, 47, 48, 56-60, 61, 65, 66, 74-77 and 78, drawn to a workpiece guide or a saw with the workpiece guide wherein the workpiece guide has a clamp, classified in class 83, subclass 438.
 - III. Claims 15, 28, 33-39, 40-46 and 60, drawn to a saw with a debris collection system, classified in class 83, subclass 167.
 - IV. Claims 15, 28, 29-32, 61-64 and 78, drawn to a saw with a specific rail system, classified in class 144, subclass 425.
2. Claims 1-14 have been restricted such that the patentability of the invention is presumed to lie in the details of the particular group (e.g. the adjustment mechanism of Group I). It is noted that if claim 1 as originally filed is part of an elected group and determined to be patentable, rejoinder of claims 1-14 will be considered. This similar situation applies for each independent claim with respect to the claims dependent therefrom.
3. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

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4. Inventions of groups I and II are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the clamp of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group II does not require the specific details of the infeed extension (e.g., the adjustment mechanism) of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II.

5. Inventions of groups I and III are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the debris collection system of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group III does not require the specific details of the infeed extension (e.g., the adjustment mechanism) of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III.

6. Inventions of groups I and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group I does not require the specifics details of the rail system (e.g., the trough) of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group I, and the invention of group IV does not require the specific details of the infeed extension (e.g., the adjustment mechanism) of group I for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

7. Inventions of groups II and III are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the debris collection system of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group III does not require the clamp of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III.

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8. Inventions of groups II and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group II does not require the specifics details of the rail system (e.g., the trough) of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group II, and the invention of group IV does not require the clamp of group II for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

9. Inventions of groups III and IV are separate inventions. They are distinct because the invention of group III does not require the specifics details of the rail system (e.g., the trough) of group IV for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group III, and the invention of group IV does not require the debris collection system of group III for patentability as evidenced by the omission thereof from group IV.

10. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

11. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

12. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any

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amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at (703)308-2187.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 USC 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [rinaldi.rada@uspto.gov].

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